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Since this church submitted no parish Self-Study Form, there was no self-estimate of the value and condition of the church's properties. The church is an exceedingly large structure, and had very extensive parish hall facilities.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

Philadelphia is divided into tracts for the purposes of the United States Census Bureau. The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church is located in Census Tract 46-B. This tract, together with seven contiguous tracts, have been arbitrarily assigned as the parish area:

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
46-B	10,014	326	3.3	71	21.8	7.5
44-E	7,298	415	5.7	8	1.9	0.9
46-A	8,392	227	2.7	43	18.9	4.5
46-C	7,660	255	3.3	11	4.3	1.2
46-F	12,098	212	1.8	22	10.4	2.3
46-G	6,720	173	2.6	44	25.4	4.7
46-H	6,063	161	2.7	65	40.4	6.9
52-L	6,147	221	3.6	1	0.5	0.1
Total	64,392	1,990	3.1	265	13.3	28.1

Only in one tract does this church have as many as 40% of the total Episcopal membership, and in the tract in which the church is located, only about 22% of the Episcopalians are con-

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nected with Holy Apostles' and the Mediator. It should be noted that while there are other Episcopal churches which have as a part of their parish area census tracts which are also assigned to the Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church, there are no Episcopal churches located in any of the tracts of the arbitrarily assigned parish area except Census Tract 46-B. The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church would be classified as a metropolitan Church and not a neighborhood church.

The following table gives information concerning the changes in the population between 1950 and 1960 in the parish area, the percentage of the population 14 years of age and under and 65 years of age and older, and the median age for men and women in this area:

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		%	%	%	MED.	
	1950	1960		CHANGE 14 & UNDER	65 & OVER	M	F
46-B	11,356	10,014	-11.8	23.7	12.3	34.0	34.9
44-E	NA	7,298		22.8	12.1	37.7	38.9
46-A	9,813	8,392	-14.5	14.5	16.3	36.7	45.5
46-C	8,110	7,660	- 5.5	29.6	8.0	30.5	31.1
46-F	13,066	12,098	- 7.4	30.8	9.7	28.8	30.7
46-G	NA	6,720		25.4	13.8	30.0	33.7
46-H	7,221	6,063	-16.0	15.7	18.1	38.0	46.1
52-L	NA	6,147		28.2	9.7	30.5	33.7

While data are not available for every tract for comparative purposes, it is obvious that population decline characterizes this area. The City of Philadelphia itself declined by 3.3% in the ten-year census period, but this parish area declined at even a faster rate. The percentage of the population 14 years of age and under in Philadelphia was 26.5% and the percentage 65 years of age and older was 10.4%. The median age for men in Philadelphia was 32.1 years and for women 34.6 years. There are some marked variations with this norm in the various census tracts, with Census Tracts 46-A and 46-H showing a considerably higher median age level than the remaining tracts and for Philadelphia as a whole.



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The following table gives information concerning the education of adults 25 years of age and older in the parish area:

CENSUS TRACT	ED. OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			MEDIAN ED.
	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLL. 1-3 YRS.	% COLL. GRAD.	
46-B	25.9	6.3	4.5	10.5
44-E	20.8	5.4	4.9	9.8
46-A	26.6	10.4	11.8	11.8
46-C	24.9	7.5	4.9	10.5
46-F	26.2	5.1	3.5	10.1
46-G	25.6	5.8	7.6	10.5
46-H	28.7	11.0	16.8	12.2
52-L	22.3	4.2	2.3	9.3

In Philadelphia, 20% of the adults are high school graduates, 5.1% have had from one to three years of college, and 5.1% are college graduates. The median educational level in this city is 9.6%. In all but one tract the median education is higher than that for Philadelphia as a whole. It is pointed out, however, that only in Census Tract 46-H is the median education level that of high school graduation, and only in this tract and Census Tract 46-A are there a considerable number of persons who have had a college education.

The following table gives information concerning the changes in the non-white population between 1950 and 1960, and the percentage of the non-white population in the arbitrarily assigned parish area:

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CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POPULATION		%	%
	1950	1960	CHANGE	NON-WHITE
46-B	1,021	6,690	555.2	66.8
44-E	NA	6,805		93.2
46-A	279	2,271	714.0	27.1
46-C	804	6,293	682.7	82.2
46-F	32	6,877	21,390.6	56.8
46-G	NA	2,350		35.0
46-H	32	565	1,665.6	9.3
52-L	NA	5,945		96.7
Total		37,796		58.7

The increase in the non-white population in this area is very marked. In only one of the eight tracts is the non-white population under 25%, and in five of the tracts the percentage is higher than 50%. Census Tracts 44-E and 52-L are almost completely non-white.

The following table gives information concerning the percentage of the population five years of age and older in 1960 that had the same residence in 1955:

CENSUS TRACT	RESIDENCE 1960 SAME AS 1955
	%
46-B	46.8
44-E	63.2
46-A	39.3
46-C	52.6
46-F	41.9
46-G	43.1
46-H	49.5
52-L	64.0

The residential percentage for Philadelphia as a whole on a comparative basis is 60%. In two of the tracts of the area this type of residential stability is exhibited, but the resi-

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dential turnover is quite marked in the remainder of the tracts. Since the area is entirely built up, these changes are taking place mainly by persons moving in and out of the area.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Since The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church did not submit a Church Self-Study Form, it is not possible to present here any analysis of the church's program.



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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership of The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church is scattered over an extremely large area in the diocese and outside of the diocese. The concentration in the parish area is not especially heavy, and there are no especially significant concentrations outside of the parish area. The table on the following pages gives the complete membership distribution of the parish by census tracts.



# MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

HOLY APOSTLES

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
C 1	9	10
D 84	1	1
D 85	10	11
D 91	2	2
D 92	15	16
D 93	2	2
D 95	4	4
D 78 A	3	3
D 78 B	1	1
D 3	2	2
D 4	26	27
D 5	1	1
D 7	12	13
D 8	2	2
D 9	3	3
D 10	3	3
D 11	13	14
D 12	19	20
D 13	2	2
D 14	4	4
D 15	2	2
D 18	1	1
D 19	9	10
D 20	1	1
D 21	5	5
D 22	10	11
D 23	3	3
D 26	4	4
D 27	3	3
D 28	6	7
D 30	1	1
D 31 A	2	2
D 31 B	6	7
D 32	2	2
D 34 B	4	4
D 35	5	5
D 74 D	5	5
D 80 B	1	1
D 96	4	4
D 99 A	5	5
D 47	1	1
M 19 B	1	1
M 45	17	18
M 49	5	5
M 56	7	7
8 C	1	1
8 D	3	3
10 B	2	2
13 A	1	1
15 D	2	2
21 B	1	1
21 C	1	1
21 F	2	2
21 N	3	3
22 K	3	3

# MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
22 N	1	1
24 A	2	2
24 F	2	2
26 D	1	1
27 A	4	4
27 B	3	3
27 C	22	23
27 D	6	7
33 G	1	1
34 I	5	5
34 J	1	1
34 R	1	1
34 S	2	2
35 F	1	1
36 D	2	2
36 F	4	4
38 C	3	3
40 A	52	55
40 G	1	1
41 A	2	2
41 J	2	2
43 A	5	5
43 F	1	1
44 A	3	3
44 C	2	2
44 E	8	9
46 A	43	45
X 46 B	71	75
46 C	11	12
46 D	8	9
46 E	3	3
46 F	22	23
46 G	44	47
46 H	65	69
46 I	14	15
48 A	7	8
48 B	2	2
50 F	1	1
52 I	2	2
51 B	6	7
51 C	13	14
51 D	33	35
51 E	45	48
52 A	7	8
52 C	2	2
52 D	3	3
52 H	1	1
52 L	1	1
58 H	1	1
59 D	2	2
59 E	4	4
59 F	1	1
59 I	2	2
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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

From 1950 through 1960, the population of the City of Philadelphia declined by 3.3%. During that same period, the membership of The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church declined by 7.2%. The following table gives the percentage changes in the membership status of the parish:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	% CHANGE		
	1950-60	1955-60	1960-63
Baptized Members	-7.2	-3.4	-61.1
Communicants	-77.4	-72.6	25.7
Church School	-60.0	-49.6	-30.9

The following table gives information concerning the percentage changes in membership status for Episcopal churches in West Philadelphia:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	% CHANGE		
	1950-60	1955-60	1960-63
Baptized Members	10.9	6.7	-6.4
Communicants	-18.3	-13.9	0.7
Church School	-16.1	- 9.9	-4.9

In the City of Philadelphia the percentage changes are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	% CHANGE		
	1950-60	1955-60	1960-63
Baptized Members	- 4.8	-5.7	-7.7
Communicants	-11.3	-9.0	-3.5
Church School	1.3	-3.8	-6.6

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the following gives the percentage changes of the membership in various categories:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	% CHANGE		
	1950-60	1955-60	1960-63
Baptized Members	19.9	5.4	-2.1
Communicants	11.4	3.8	1.5
Church School	41.8	17.7	-3.8

The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church is quite evidently undergoing a serious decline in its membership. In terms of the number of communicants, it may be that this trend has been reversed to some degree. It may also be that much of the change in the baptized membership is due to getting the records of the parish up-to-date.

Between 1961 and 1963, inclusive, Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church had 45 baptisms and 32 confirmations. The average ratio of baptisms to the communicant strength was 3.0% and the average ratio of confirmations to the communicant strength was 2.2%. In Episcopal churches in the West Philadelphia area, both ratios were 3.8%, and in the City of Philadelphia the ratios were 3.5% and 3.4% respectively. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania these ratios were 3.9% and 4.1% respectively. It is generally considered necessary to have ratios of 5% in both categories in order to maintain the level of the church's membership, and to have percentages in excess of 5% in order to assure future growth. The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church is dangerously below these percentages.

Between 1961 and 1963, inclusive, the total reported expenditures for The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church were \$201,872.00, of which \$38,776.00, or 19.2% of the total, went for purposes outside of the parish. Churches in the West Philadelphia area had a ratio of 13.1%, and Episcopal churches in Philadelphia as a whole had a ratio of 11.3%. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania the ratio was 14.2%.

The average expenditure per communicant per year in The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church for the three-year period was \$136.22, of which \$26.16 went for purposes outside of the parish. The comparable figures for Episcopal churches



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in West Philadelphia were \$54.54, of which \$7.17 went for purposes outside of the parish, and in Philadelphia these figures were \$88.66 and \$10.02 respectively. In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the total reported expenditures per communicant averaged \$73.71 per year in the three-year period, of which \$10.45 went for purposes outside of the parish.

The commitment of the parish to purposes outside of its own maintenance is exceptionally good both in the ratio of total expenditures to extra-parochial expenditures, and in the extra-parochial expenditures per communicant. It is unfortunate that the church did not submit a Self-Study Form so that a further analysis could be made of the finances of the parish in order to determine the sources of income which make such a showing possible.

## VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH HOLY APOSTLES & MEDIATOR TOWN PHILADELPHIACOUNTY PHILADELPHIADIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	H.A. - M. 673 2690	3293	2631	2528	2441	1375	1258	947
Communicants	553 2072	2520	1,640	1350	370	508	509	465
Church School	216 575	240	315	250	126	133	105	87
Baptisms	9 46	48	31	26	16	16	17	12
Percentage of Communicants	1.6 2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	4.3	3.1	3.3	2.6
Confirmations	7 25	46	33	22	12	14	13	5
Percentage of Communicants	1.3 1.2	1.8	2.0	1.6	3.2	2.8	2.6	1.1
Parochial Expenditures 1	21,233 15,417	34,376	38,635	44,225	46,016	43,742	38,312	41,005
Special Par. Expenditures 2	2,513 4,627	4,128	91,726	35,037	11,581	15,580	14,030	10,427
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	7,784 4,714	11,629	15,354	14,903	15,234	14,157	11,809	12,810
Total Reported Expenditures	31,530 24,758	50,133	145,715	94,165	72,831	73,479	64,151	64,242
Expenditures per Communicant	15.22 44.77	19.89	88.85	69.75	196.84	144.64	126.03	138.15
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	3.76 8.52	4.61	9.36	11.04	41.17	27.87	23.20	27.55

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

The Holy Apostles' and The Mediator Church failed to submit an Episcopal Census, so it is not possible to analyze the composition of the congregation at the present time.



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## DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES' AND THE MEDIATOR, Philadelphia,  
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Since the Church of the Holy Apostles' and the Mediator failed to submit a Church Self-Study Form or an Episcopal Census, it is not possible to present any discussion or recommendations at the present time. This is unfortunate since the church occupies a strategic position in a rapidly changing section of Philadelphia. The completion of a Self-Study Form by the church would be a useful tool in planning for the future, both for parish strategy and overall diocesan strategy. If the church cares to complete the Church Self-Study Form at some time in the future, the General Division of Research and Field Study would be happy to process this material as time permits.